

Communion, Mark 14: 22; Luke 22: 19.

Feet-washing, John 13: 1-17.

Obedience, John 14: 15.

The announcement gives evidence of a "workman that needeth not be ashamed." We predict for Brother Teeter a successful meeting. Such enterprise deserves success, and as a rule wins success.

Personal Mention

Brother Hixson reports two confessions at Portis, Kan.

Brother Summers reports two accessions in his field of labor.

Brother J. H. Swihart reports three accessions and the work prospering.

Brother J. S. Bowman closed a good meeting at Arritts, Va., resulting in six accessions.

Brother J. K. Leedy has changed his address from Tom's Brook, Va., to Roanoke, Va.

Brother J. H. Palmer is in the midst of revival work at Roanoke, Ind. Five accessions so far.

Brother J. M. Bowman has been at work at Bloomers, Ohio. As a result the church is much encouraged. One reinstated.

Brother Smith has been called to the pastorate of the New Enterprise church for the fifth year. This speaks well both for pastor and people.

For brevity, Brother Jacobs' report in this issue, is surely a model one. He says a great deal in a very little space. One added to the church.

A letter coming to this office with the name "Ronk" on the outside, means money every time. At least so it has been for quite a long while.

In this issue appears Brother Mackey's letter of acceptance to the Presidency of Ashland University. The honors thus bestowed, are in this case, well deserved.

From Brighton, Ind., Brother Miller writes that he wants 25 EVANGELISTS in that congregation during 1898. Considering the membership that will be a record extraordinary.

The article headed, "Access to the Father," in the contribution department, is in the form of a prayer, and expresses the feelings and desires of a true child of God. Read it. It is by Brother Bowman.

Brother A. J. Baughman writes: "Meeting closed at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, with the church much revived and four accessions. The Lord's work is moving on. Expect to organize a K. C. in the near future."

Here is a short letter from brother D. E. Ronk, Calif., which is full of meaning: "Herewith find order for \$5.00. Use to best advantage." Thanks, brother, it will be put to the very best use possible.

December 27, was the day set for the marriage of brother R. E. Darling, but a few days before that time he was quite ill, and it was thought that a later date would be fixed for the happy event.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Hagerstown Brethren church. We are sorry to have Brother Tombaugh leave Ohio, as he is much needed now. Our loss will be some one else's gain. Success to you brother, in your new field of labor. He takes charge in the spring.

Ruth Felger, wife of Ezra Felger and daughter of Brother and Sister Hinkle, Farmersville, Ohio, died Tuesday morning at her home in Ashland. The deceased was well known by many of our people, all of whom will be grieved to hear of her death, as she was known only to be loved. She was the mother of two little girls, one four years old the other eight months, and the loss to them is of course irreparable. But thirty years of age, it is a strange and to us mysterious providence, that permits the removal of

a mother from her home so young in years. But his ways are not as our ways and his thoughts not as our thoughts. Sister Ruth was an estimable lady, a faithful wife, a very devoted mother, and above all a consecrated Christian. Bright, cheerful and happy, kind and charitable to all, the world is better, some one's life sweeter and richer, touched by thirty years of a pure life. She passed away trusting in Jesus. To him she commended her husband, her two lovely girls and all her friends. They have our sympathy in their sad bereavement. May the God of love comfort and keep them, and at last bring them all to that home to which the lamented has already gone to rest in peace.

Under date of Dec. 21, Brother Haskins, Johnstown, Pa., writes: "Considerable sickness but good crowds, and two more conversions at Sunday evening service, a man and woman, with many more serious convictions. These are our regular services. Do not know when to begin the revival meeting." In that congregation there is a continual revival, which is as it ought to be.

In a private letter a few weeks ago Sister Grossnickle informed us that she had calls from Virginia for preaching, which if accepted, would engage all her time the rest of the winter. It now turns out that another kind of an engagement into which she has entered, is to last, not during the winter only, but spring, summer, autumn and so on until death shall undo the engagement.

Surely Indiana made no mistake when the Conference placed Brother Flora in the field as State Evangelist. He is meeting with splendid success. In this issue he reports a meeting at Dutch Town, Ind., resulting in twenty-five accessions, and four more by letter. He organized a church with twenty-nine members. The several auxiliaries of the church were also organized. Brother Flora is doing excellent work.

Notes and Comments

Silenced.—Wendell Phillips, the silver-tongued abolition orator, was accosted by a minister in the depot, who said in a tone of vigorous rebuke: "You have come to Cincinnati to fight for the niggers, I believe?" "Yes sir," was the reply. "Then," said the preacher, "why don't you go down South where the niggers are?" The great Bostonian answered: "I judge, sir, from your appearance, that you are a clergyman." "Yes sir." "You are trying to save lost souls?" "I am." "Then permit me to ask why you don't go to hell where the lost souls are?"

Which?—New York City has been complaining of "hayseed rule." The *Youth's Companion* very pertinently remarks that the future may demonstrate that hayseed rule is better for a great city than rye-seed rule. The latter is the "stuff" that is ruling nearly all our large cities, and it is the worst form of rule in existence.

Unclean Literature.—Fathers and mothers, are you as particular in your choice of reading matter for your boys and girls as you are in the choice of their company? The following from *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* may set you to thinking:

"To keep the minds of our children pure, to protect them from the corrupting influence of impure literature, is one of the problems for the church of today to consider. Many publications barely escape the interdict of the law prohibiting the circulation of obscene literature. Much of the art of the day is in the same category: Novels full of lust and passion, with adulterers for their heroes and prostitutes for their heroines, are to be found even in Christian homes. Bring a leper to your house, and expose your children to the loathsome disease, sooner than allow any unclean books, magazines, or newspapers to enter it! If some blackguard were to come to your house, sit down, and in the presence of your

wife and children tell some unclean story, you would forthwith kick him out—and serve him right. But if he prints that story in the daily newspaper, you enter no protest; the paper comes on as before, doing its mischief on the minds of your children."

Much To Do—British Christians have a large field for mission work. It will be a long while before all the subjects of the Queen's dominions will be christianized. A speaker at a recent missionary convention held in Exeter Hall, London, said that less than one-seventh part of Her Majesty's 350,000,000 subjects are Christians; 240,000,000 are in the darkness of heathenism, and 60,000,000 in the partially lighted darkness of Mohammedanism.

NEBULAE

The pastor or church that is too busy to report church news, is too busy to be of much service to the Lord.

A retired Christian is a *tired* Christian. There is no discharge in this war. A Christian wounded in pride is always pensioned by the devil.

Too many wreaths are laid upon cold brows. Give your flowers to the living; the dead either have something better, and don't want them, or wanting them can't get them because of an impassable gulf.

Faultfinding is the first step towards hell. The faultfinder is like one who seeks for gold in the dump rather than in the wash of life. He is the rag picker and ash barrel-man of the effortorial world; in short, the human scavenger, feeding on faults until he himself is one great fatted fault.

There is great difference between soul-saving and body-stuffing. The sinner that has to be stuffed to be saved is about as much use to the church and Christ as an ocean life saver with life preservers on his feet. Take off the floaters and you'll see how quick he sinks.

Christ fed the hungry multitude, but he didn't open a soup house when the multitude came to him for the second meal.

There are two kinds of poor—God's poor, whom to help is to do it unto Christ, and the devil's poor, whom to help is to help the devil.

Cold air condenses and kills. It's the hot air of spring and summer that starts the bud and perfects the fruit.

There never has been such a promising period in the Church's history as the present. Almost every writer attests the fact of deep spiritual life amongst the people. Up! O, Gideons, and lead your consecrated bands down against Midian. Let your cry be, The Sword of the Lord and the Brethren.

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